

PRAYER REQUESTS: Please use the blue prayer request cards in the pews for your prayer requests. Place them in the offering plate so Pastor can include them in the Pastoral Prayer.

LAY READER for today is Linda Schaller.

GREETER for today is Margie Staffaroni.

CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY this week is Philip Lawrence.

CELEBRATING AN ANNIVERSARY this week are Diane and Bob Huffman.

THE FLOWERS are given this week for Boo-day from “a friend” of ESPC.

DEACON of the month is Margie Staffaroni.

Church Staff

Nicole Vogel
Jen Carmella
Linda Schaller
Bob Lee
Sami Carmella

Pastor
Secretary
Music Director
Sexton
Nursery Attendant

THIS WEEK AT E.S.P.C.

Today ~ Adult Ed. class, 9:00 in conference rooms 1 & 2
~ Worship, 10:00 a.m.
~ Bell rehearsal following worship

Coming up . . . Deacon’s meeting, Sunday November 7th, following worship

THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania

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(*Indicates to stand, in body or spirit)

October 31, 2021
Service for the Lord’s Day

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE “How Great Thou Art” WORDS & MUSIC BY STUART HINE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: In all times and in all places, God is with us.
P: God’s love flows over and around us, lifting us in hope.
L: Shout for joy!
P: Sing praises to God!
L: Get ready to become disciples for Jesus.
ALL: Lord, make us ready to serve You!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God of heaven and earth, from whom all creatures on earth have breath: Lord God of all good creations from the beginning! We draw near to You as we seek to worship You with our whole selves. You are the giver of all life and love Your creation. Give us breath to sing Your praise today and every day. Amen

CHILDREN'S SERMON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, in Christ Jesus, you teach us to love our neighbors, but instead we build dividing walls of hostility. You show us how to love one another as sisters and brothers, but instead we hide from our own human family. You ask us to seek out the stranger and welcome the guest no matter who they are. You call us to proclaim good news to all people, but instead we waste our words and hide our light. Lord, our loving God, have mercy on us. Forgive our sin, open our hearts and change our lives. Fill us with the Holy Spirit that we may see the world as You see it and respond as You would ask of us. Amen.

☞ Moment for Silent Reflection ☞

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

(Pg. 581 in red hymnal)

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end, amen. Amen.**

*THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you!
P: **And also with you!**

HYMN NO. 846

“Fight the Good Fight”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Draw us close, Holy Spirit, as the Scriptures are read and the Word is proclaimed. Let the word of faith be on our lips and in our hearts, and let all other words slip away. May there be one voice we hear today — the voice of truth and grace. Amen.

THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT

1 Samuel 16:1-13 (Pg. 259)

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 6:25-32 (Pg. 6)

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 9:19-24 (Pg. 172)

L: Word of God for the people of God
P: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

“What God Sees”

Pastor Nicki

HYMN NO. 611

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

APOSTLES' CREED

(Pg. 35 in red hymnal)

SENDING

DEDICATION OF PLEDGES AND OFFERINGS

THANKSGIVING, PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN NO. 60

“Praise Him! Praise Him!”

(in the songbook)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“O worship the King”

ARR. WILLIAM GARDINER